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Office Action Summary	Application No.	Applicant(s)	
	10/078,677	BRANELLEC ET AL.	
	Examiner Scott D. Priebe	Art Unit 1632	

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Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- If the period for reply specified above is less than thirty (30) days, a reply within the statutory minimum of thirty (30) days will be considered timely.
- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- Failure to reply within the set or extended period for reply will, by statute, cause the application to become ABANDONED (35 U.S.C. § 133).
- Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

Status

1) Responsive to communication(s) filed on 29 August 2003.

2a) This action is **FINAL**. 2b) This action is non-final.

3) Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

4) Claim(s) 36,37 and 39 is/are pending in the application.

4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.

5) Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.

6) Claim(s) 36,37 and 39 is/are rejected.

7) Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.

8) Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

9) The specification is objected to by the Examiner.

10) The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) accepted or b) objected to by the Examiner.

Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).

11) The proposed drawing correction filed on _____ is: a) approved b) disapproved by the Examiner.

If approved, corrected drawings are required in reply to this Office action.

12) The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. §§ 119 and 120

13) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).

a) All b) Some * c) None of:

1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.

2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. 08/633,769.

3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

14) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e) (to a provisional application).

a) The translation of the foreign language provisional application has been received.

15) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. §§ 120 and/or 121.

Attachment(s)

1) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)	4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413) Paper No(s). _____
2) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)	5) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
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DETAILED ACTION

The amendment filed 8/29/03 has been entered. Claims 38 and 40-44 have been cancelled. Claims 36, 37 and 39 have been amended. The rejections under 35 USC 112, 102 and 101 (double-patenting) have been overcome by the amendment.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

The text of those sections of Title 35, U.S. Code not included in this action can be found in a prior Office action.

Claims 36, 37 and 39 remain rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Ohno et al. (Science 265: 781-784, Aug. 5, 1994) in view of either Steg et al. (Circulation 88(4 pt. 2): I-660, 1993) or Steg et al. (Circulation 90: 1648-1656, Oct. 1994) for the reasons of record set forth in the Office action of 3/10/03.

Applicant's arguments filed 8/29/03 have been fully considered but they are not persuasive. Applicant argues that there is no motivation to make the combination because there would have been no expectation of success, since claims to specific methods of using the claimed products had been allowed (US 6,410,011) over Ohno and Steg I for this reason, and because of the double-patenting rejection over the '011 patent as evidence that the claimed product is not patentably distinct from the patented method.

In response, the claims are not directed to the specific patented method of using the instantly claimed product, but to a product which could be used in that method, and also could have been used with success in the method of Ohno, for the reasons provided by Steg I. As for the double-patenting rejection, only one-way distinctness is required, i.e. the instantly

claimed product is obvious over the patented method of using the product. Whether the method is patentably distinct over the product is moot.

No arguments have been presented with respect to the combination of Ohno and Steg II. Applicant has requested that the rejection be held in abeyance pending their providing a translation of the foreign priority application. The translation has not been received at this time and the rejection cannot be held in abeyance.

Double Patenting

Claims 36, 37, and 39 remain rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 1-24 of U.S. Patent No. 6,410,011 for the reasons of record set forth in the Office action of 3/10/03.

Applicant's arguments filed 8/29/03 have been fully considered but they are not persuasive. Applicant has indicated that a terminal disclaimer will be filed once allowable subject matter has been indicated. It is presumed that Applicant means "otherwise" allowable, since until an acceptable terminal disclaimer is filed, these claims will remain not allowable.

Conclusion

THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL. Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire THREE MONTHS from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within TWO MONTHS of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not mailed until after

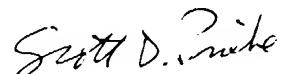
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the end of the THREE-MONTH shortened statutory period, then the shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of the advisory action. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than SIX MONTHS from the mailing date of this final action.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Scott D. Priebe whose telephone number is (703) 308-7310. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F, 8:00-4:00.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Deborah Reynolds can be reached on 703 305-4051. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is (703) 872-9306.

Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to the receptionist whose telephone number is (703) 308-0196.



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